Construction of garrages on 'No man's land' by Reserve Bank of India agency in Sarojini Nagar

1335. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some type 'C' residential quarters in Sarojini Nagar have been allotted to Reserve Bank of India Staff;

(b) whether these quarters are being maintained by their own agency;

(c) if so, what is the total number of such quarters and the number of quarters maintained by the C.P.W.D.;

(d) whether Government are aware that all the type 'C' quarters in Sarojini Nagar were constructed at the same time;

(e) whether it is also a fact that recently garrages have been constructed on 'No Man's land' for the quarters maintained by R. B. I. agency;

(f) if so, what are the reasons for which no such garrages have been constructed by C.P.W.D. for quarters maintained by them; and

(g) whether Government are aware that the quality of quarters maintained by R.B.I. agency is far better than the quality of quarters maintained by C.P.W.D.; if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) Reserve Bank of India is having 320 quarters maintaining it themselves whereas CPWD is maintaining 3791 quarters in this area.

(d) The construction of the type 'C' quarters by the CPWD were under-taken at the same time.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) As per norms for General Pool accommodation no garrages are admissible for these quarters.

(g) Norms and specifications of maintenance adopted by Reserve Bank of India are different from those adopted by CPWD. Any comparison would, therefor, be unrealistic.

1336. [*Transferred to the 26th March 1990*].

Status of Industry to agriculture

1337. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are committed that agriculture would be treated as an industry and remunerative prices would be given to all farm commodities throughout the country;

(b) what are Government's policy/guidelines towards the agriculture and agricultural community as a whole; and

(c) by when agriculture would be treated as an industry and what are the plans thereof?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) The Government have constituted a High-Powered Committee to examine *Inter-alia* the feasibility/desirability of declaring agriculture as an industry or in the alternative treating agriculture on par with industry for purposes of granting suitable facilities/concessions.

Presently procurement/minimum support prices are fixed by the Government for major agricultural commodities and extension of coverage to other agricultural commodities is considered appropriately as and when required. Price support operations are also organised to ensure that the farmers get the prices fixed by the Government. These operations are progressively expanded to benefit the farmers and the Government's endeavour is to extend the same to as many areas as possible.

An expert committee is already examining the methodology for estimation of cost of production required for determination of procurement/minimum support prices, the terms of trade between agricultural and non-agricultural sectors and any other measures required to improve the remunerativeness of crop production.